

REMARKS

The Examiner has required further election of one of the following species for initial prosecution on the merits:

d) one of the following:

(i) the elected compound consists of the sequence DIREK wherein the *epsilon*-amino group of lysine is bonded to the side chain carboxyl group of aspartic acid; or

(ii) the elected compound is one in which a substituent or moiety is covalently bonded to the (cyclized) peptide DIREK (wherein the *epsilon*-amino group of lysine is bonded to the side chain carboxyl group of aspartic acid;

e) in the event that the elected compound is one in which a substituent or moiety is covalently bonded to the (cyclized) peptide DIREK (wherein the *epsilon*-amino group of lysine is bonded to the side chain carboxyl group of aspartic acid) (i.e. species (ii) above), further election is required of a specific and fully defined compound, with all amino acids accounted for, and indeed, all atoms accounted for.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the species identified by the Examiner as:

(d)(i) the elected compound consists of the sequence DIREK wherein the *epsilon*-amino group of lysine is bonded to the side chain carboxyl group of aspartic acid.

CONCLUSION

This response is made without prejudice or disclaimer to any non-elected subject matter, and Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to any non-elected subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions related to this response, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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